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Dear Madam,

I'm writing to express my concern about the labeling of irradiated foods. I strongly believe that irradiating food is an unsafe, and very harmful practice, for consumers, and the environment. It seems to me we need to correct the source of the contamination, not clean it up after the fact. This should be the focus of the USDA, and the food industry. For once, do what is best for all of us, not for the group with the most money and clout.

However, if it is to become common practice, then at the very least, it is absolutely imperative that irradiated foods be CLEARLY, and PROMINENTLY labeled as such. This information must be in a very easy to see place on the label on the **front** of the package, and in **large, easy to read print**. As a consumer, I want to be able to tell at first glance whether a food product has been irradiated. I believe that this information is my right as a consumer, and that the FDA, as a public agency sworn to protect the rights of consumers, must put these labeling requirements in place.

Thank you for your attention to my opinions.

Regards,

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